## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Cropper, Dean E.

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## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS

United States Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of pending claims 1-29, and allow them in view of the remarks below.

Applicant encloses a check in the amount of \$225 for a two-month extension of time for a small entity.